GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Utilization of Funds
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance granted under the various schemes during the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise;

(b) whether all the States including Kerala have utilized the allotted funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard and to improve the functioning of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC)?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (c) Under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) and Scholarship Schemes, the State-wise and year-wise details of funds released and utilized including the State of Kerala, during last three years and current year are at Annexure I andII. Other schemes of the Ministry are Central Sector Schemes implemented by the Ministry directly through selected agencies/ organisations. There are no State-wise release of funds under these schemes. The scheme-wise details of funds released under these schemes during last three years and current year are at Annexure III.

(d) Under MsDP, the utilisation of funds by States/ Union Territories (UTs) is slow. The funds released to the States/UTs were mainly related to the projects for creation of infrastructure for education, health, etc. These projects generally have long gestation period and require fulfillment of various modalities like land development, tendering process, etc. for starting the project.

To expedite utilisation of funds and implement various schemes effectively, National and Regional conferences/ meetings with the officials of States/UTs are organised by the Ministry and the progress of all programmes of the Ministry including MsDP, where the States are involved, is reviewed periodically. Under MsDP and Scholarship Schemes, regular review meetings with States/UTs are also held through Video Conferencing. States/UTs are also reminded and sensitized through regular communications at higher levels of the Ministry for further utilization of funds. In case of Scholarships, from current year 2015-16, the Scholarship Schemes have become online under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode on National Scholarship Portal. So the funds are not required to be transferred to the States/ UTs.

Further, Government has approved the restructuring of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) to improve its functioning and enhance outreach. The Authorised share capital of NMDFC has been increased to Rs. 3000 crore and a committee has been constituted to oversee the restructuring process.

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